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Friends of Dacus Library Newsletter

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Literary Panel featuring authors Judith Barban and Charlie Burnette

Thursday, April 22, 2010, 4 p.m., Winthrop. You are invited to come join our literary panel and meet **Judith Barban** (language professor and concert pianist) and **Charlie Burnette** (Rock Hill attorney and performing artist) as they read from their new novels and give presentations about their work.

Judith Barban, linguist, French professor, and concert pianist, lives in Tega Cay, S.C. with her husband and fellow pianist Eugene. Her research into the mediaeval writings of Marie de France, her music, and passion for fishing in the Canadian wilderness have inspired fiction about relationships and the beauty of nature. Her novel "Poplar River" won the 2009 Southeastern Writers Contest.



Charlie Burnette, attorney, actor, dancer, tri-athlete, and father of four lives in Rock Hill, S.C., with Marcia, his wife of thirty years. Decades of practicing law have given him deep insights into human nature and its dark side. His observations have triggered fiction exploding with anger, fear, redemption, and justice. His 2009 novel "Manipulation by Degree" has won acclaim and already sold out.



The authors' presentation begins at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2010 in the Irvin and Jean Kirby Plowden Auditorium (3rd floor of Withers Building).

After the authors' program:

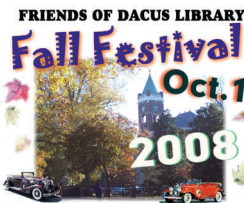
- Book signing with the chance to meet both authors.

- Winthrop and Rock Hill art sale (small gift items: note cards, art prints).

Map/directions: <http://bit.ly/1F9zHH>

2008/2009 Highlights

2008 Fall Festival took place in Winthrop's McBryde Hall and consisted of an Antique Road Show for Books with Virginia antiquarian Jim Presgraves, a silent auction, and a sale of donated books.

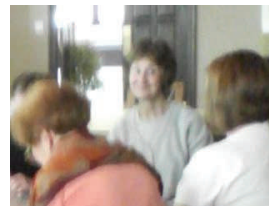


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April 2009: Laura Dufresne and Laura Gardner, expert art historians and educa-



Laura Dufresne



Laura Gardner

tors at Winthrop, taught our **Art of the Book workshop** on Wednesday, April 22 in McBryde Hall on campus. Under the professors' expert guidance, workshop participants crafted hand-bound books and took their creations home. Cont. Pg.4



October 2009 Board of the Friends hosted a reception for new faculty in the library.

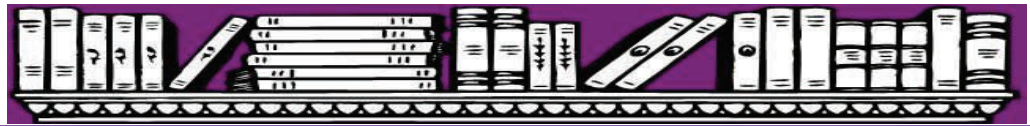
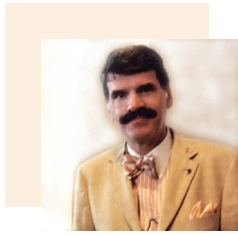
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Welcome from Dean Herring

"Tout Changer Pour que Rein ne Change"



Ida Jane Dacus Library



"CHANGES IN DACUS BEGAN ABOUT 30 YEARS AGO AND HAVE CULMINATED IN DIGITAL DELIVERY UNHEARD OF ONLY FIVE YEARS AGO."



Uncertain future for South Carolina's shared knowledge resources.

It's proverbial to say that everything changes while remaining the same (our headline), and I'm not one to argue with proverbs. But I have to tell you, whoever said that never worked in a library, at least not very recently.

The changes we've endured over the past year, and now into this one, are so many and so varied that those of us who work in Dacus should be basket cases. Well, I mean more than we already are. Here's an overview.

When I entered this profession in 1979, the library I worked in had **Selectric typewriters**. We thought they were a big deal. Shortly after I arrived, we had a "computer" the size of small refrigerator into which one inserted **mag cards** and on to which we typed documents (really a modified Selectric). It proved devilishly difficult to make work, but it was faster—marginally—than a standard typewriter. This assumes, of course, that the machine didn't somehow "lose" your document in the process of "saving" it. Before I left that library, we had added **OCLC** (the now internationally bibliographical database) and access to a search service called **Dialog** (a company still around but not in its original form). Connection to Dialog was through a modem and tele-

phone. One dialed the number, listened for the "connection beep," then quickly placed the phone in a modem cradle, logged in, and hoped for the best. The system was crude, erratic and unreliable. It was also mind-boggling. I recall one inveterate professor who viewed me as some sort of whippersnapper trying to ruin research. Coming to understand the whys and wherefores of **Quellenforschung** had nearly driven him crazy, and doggone it, it was going to drive his students crazy, too. Under his very disbelieving eyes, I ran a Dialog search in his area of study. When it returned not only all he had found but about two dozen more he had never heard of, much less seen, he became my biggest proselytizer to other faculty. — That was thirty years ago.

Changes in Dacus began about that many years ago and have culminated in digital delivery unheard of only five years ago. Our current flurry of changes began with the economic downturn and the loss of Gloria Kelley, one of our department heads, to retirement. That department head had been at Winthrop almost thirty years. While the economic downturn did affect us, it did not impact our materials budget — a clear commitment of President DiGiorgio to protect those things that would adversely affect students and student learning outcomes.

Losing that employee to retirement proved to be the beginning, the tip of the proverbial iceberg, of Dacus changes. We added an **instant messaging** feature, improved some other services by cancelling others, fought to keep **PASCAL** intact, and weathered the economic downturn. PASCAL survives on life support, and only because the 57 academic libraries in the state value it too much to see it fail. PASCAL's state allocation was gutted by 90 percent and it ended the year only to have the remaining amount gouged again by 10 percent more. PASCAL holds its place in the budget, but that's about all: its funding is down from \$2 million in 2007 to today's \$175,000.

Academic libraries in the area are taking a substantial financial hit to keep PASCAL on life support, but every academic librarian I know believes PASCAL to be too important to lose, despite an awful economy. Before PASCAL came into being (a twenty year gestation, mind you), South Carolina was the only state in the Southeast without a buying consortium. For every dollar PASCAL spent, it returned \$8 in goods and services to its member libraries. The question I get regularly (when I'm not being asked about the new library) is whether South Carolina will rejoin the 21st Century of library services by resuming its support of PASCAL? All I can tell you is that it took nearly 20 years

Dean's Welcome, Ctd.

to get PASCAL up and running and only one bad economic year for the state to abandon it. Why the legislature all but eliminated a program that did everything our governor called on state programs to do -- be collaborative, share resources, and stretch ever state dollar as far as possible--remains one of life's enigmatic mysteries.

This summer we received more personnel news when Ida's Associate Dean of Library Services, Larry Mitlin, announced his retirement, effective September 30. Larry has been with Dacus since its foray into the machine age and leaves here now with her induction into the digital world. With Larry's departure, Dacus has had to act fast. No organization can lose nearly 40 years of experience and not notice it! Fortunately, we made a terrific hire a few years ago in Carrie Volk. Carrie is a recent graduate of USC's Library School and mentored under Larry for the last fourteen months or so. She will become the library's new **Systems Librarian**, and we'll begin to look for a person to assume very different duties in Technical Services. Carrie's former duties in **Interlibrary Loan** will be assumed by Jean Wells.

By the time you read this, the library will be in the midst of launching **Encore**, its new interface for searching our catalog, and more. We didn't use state funds to pur-

chase Encore, but we relied on our Library Advisory Board, money from the sales of our **poster**, and the Louise Pettus Endowment Fund. The Library Advisory Board is made up of about fifteen individuals who donated their resources specifically to make Encore happen. We salute all of you and the Pettus fund. (If you would like to join the Library Advisory Board, do let me know.) Encore provides very new and different features with which our students are familiar when they search sites like Amazon. Encore incorporates faceted searching and tag clouds, technical terms that simply mean you can tell at a glance how many titles Dacus is likely to have on that subject and all its related subjects. Moreover, Encore will also search our top databases, so students aren't searching once in the catalog for books and once again in our databases for articles.

Encore has numerous other features including a customizable one that allows students to save their work and return to it later. Innovative, the company that makes Encore, chose Dacus to help improve its authority control feature for subjects. **Authority Control** is best understood by that mechanism that prevents you from having to search Mark Twain and Samuel Clemens, but search one or the other and find both. Dacus is the second library in South Carolina to have Encore, and the only

library in the country to have it configured exactly as it is. Soon--very soon--other libraries will offer Encore as we have it, but as has been commonplace for the last twenty years, Winthrop is on the cutting edge.

Another change that's obvious is this **blog**-like entry you're now reading. We updated our website and now include blogs and RSS feeds. You'll need to sign up to get them (it takes only seconds), but we'll be using this mechanism to keep you up-to-date with our goings-on, as well as the vehicle to publish our various newsletters. We're also on **Facebook**, if you wish to connect with us in that manner, and a few of us use **Twitter**, yet another change and a new way for keeping track of all things Dacus.

We in Dacus all feel a bit like Hamlet as "**Sith nor the exterior nor the inward man resembles that it was.**" Everything has changed at Dacus, and almost nothing has remained the same. Drop by or surf to our site and see all the new stuff that's going on. I can assure you that these changes are just the beginning. We'll have more to report later this year. But even with all these changes, what will never change is our commitment to scholarship and all those who use it, create it, or rely upon for any the reason.



Dacus Library's Web Presence:
the redesigned home page
www.winthrop.edu/dacus

"BUT EVEN WITH ALL THESE CHANGES, WHAT WILL NEVER CHANGE IS OUR COMMITMENT TO SCHOLARSHIP AND ALL THOSE WHO USE IT, CREATE IT, OR RELY UPON IT..."



Dacus Library's newest search engine:
state-of-the-art, powerful library search engine

Art of the Book workshop, ctd.



A finished creation



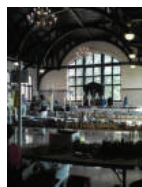
Designers at work

More pictures at:
<http://bit.ly/2Q2vPe>



Program and Reception Highlights, ctd.

Fall 2008 Festival, ctd.



Jim Presgraves, antiquarian from Wytheville, VA, appraised books brought by visitors to the event. Many who had wondered about their treasures' worth on the antique book market had a chance to find out.

Items donated to the silent auction by members of Winthrop's community included original art by Winthrop administrators, faculty, and students, a special Mexican dinner for eight in the winner's home, French champagne, wine, hand-painted red wine goblets and art glass bowls. The event raised over \$2,400.

Reception for New Faculty on October 27, 2009



The board members of the Friends of Dacus Library held a reception to welcome new Winthrop faculty members. New faculty were treated to refreshments and a showcase of some of the books in their areas of expertise given by the Friends.

More: <http://bit.ly/2CPmYK>



Friends of Dacus Library now on Twitter



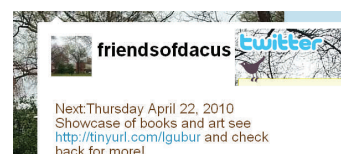
@friendsofdacus

More and more people follow their favorite people and organizations on Twitter. How? By logging in on their computers and mobile devices to make the most of today's typically fragmented schedule and have announcements come to them instead of seeking them out.

Our Friends group now has a presence on Twitter! Winthrop alumni, admissions, and more are already following us!

See <http://twitter.com/friendsofdacus> for descriptions of previous activities and upcoming programs.

If you are on Twitter, log in and sign up to follow us on Twitter to be among the first to receive word of the latest news about programs, library happenings, and other developments!



New! Online Renewal Option



Online renewal option at

www.winthrop.edu/dacus/friends

Memberships can now be renewed online by clicking on the "Click and Pledge" logo on the Friends of Dacus Library's homepage and following these easy steps:

1. Choose amount.
2. Add to cart.

3. Go to checkout.

4. Fill in your information (with email), incl. Winthrop class year as applicable, desired subject area for book and honoree/memorial details, etc.

5. Click pay and see printable receipt.

6. You'll receive an e-mail receipt from the Winthrop Foundation.

Online renewal is an added convenience. If you prefer the traditional membership envelope and mail-in membership form, as always, these continue to be available.

Bi-Lo Boosters for Dacus Library

Support Dacus Library through Bi-Lo Boosters Plus!

When: September 2009 through May 2010.

Your simple routine grocery purchases at Bi-Lo can help raise funds for Dacus Library! Simply take a copy (or cut-out) of this scan card to the grocery store, scan in

your Bi-Lo Bonus Card, and ask the cashier to link Dacus Library's scan card to your Bi-Lo card. Bi-Lo will give a percentage of each purchase to the library at no extra cost to you.

This Bi-Lo Boosters year runs from September 2009 until May 2010. Join this program now, and any Bi-Lo purchases between now and May 2010 will benefit the library!

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Notes from Board Meetings (Feb., May, Aug., Nov. 2009)

Officers discussed and took action on the following:

- The economic downturn has brought reduction of printing/mailling. Friends materials will be sent via e-mail:
- Detailed description of each selected gift book and how it supports studies at Winthrop.

- E-mails are sent to the member, honoree, or 3rd party whenever e-mail is on file.
- Correspondence is mailed only where no e-mail is on file.
- We are working with the Winthrop Foundation to streamline operations.
- **Programs:** Changed to

one annual program during Come-See-Me. Next program: April 22, 2010.

- The board held a reception for new faculty in October 2009 and will host such a reception every two years.
- Friends are on Twitter; Library uses blog and Facebook to reach more students and alumni.

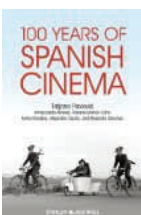
2010 board meetings: Feb.11, May 13, Aug.12, Nov.11

1,001 Books!

Thanks to your support since the Friends' formal inauguration in 1996, books you have given are reaching the thousand mark!

Here are a few titles:

- "100 Years of Spanish Cinema"
- "1968 : Year of Media Decision"
- "21st Century Journalism"
- "The 50 States"
- "500 Great Books for Teens"



Your gifts have enabled the library to purchase 983 titles, including multi-volume sets that would have been impossible to acquire without the Friends.

The complete self-updating list of titles given by the Friends can be seen at:
<http://bit.ly/3VTSRV>

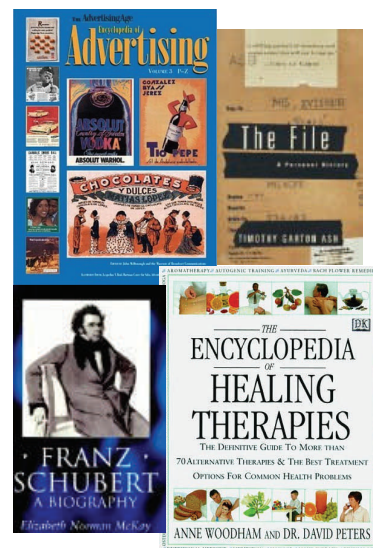


Library blog and daily newsfeed
dacuslibrary.wordpress.com



Library reaches students on Facebook:
<http://bit.ly/qVg8z>

"Friends board embraces new technologies, streamlining operations and outreach"





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The Friends of Dacus Library were founded in 1995 and formally inaugurated in 1996. This membership organization brings communities together through literary/cultural programs and gives books for the library at Winthrop University.

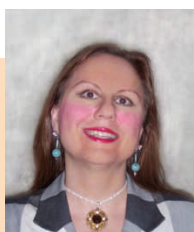
The Friends are turning 15 in 2011. Help us celebrate this milestone!

Visit us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/friendsofdacus>

See next program: <http://faculty.winthrop.edu/maysa/lca/friends>

Visit us on the Web:

<http://www.winthrop.edu/dacus/friends>



A Message from the Chair

Dear Friends,

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your continued support, especially during these lean times for South Carolina and beyond, and welcome you to our inaugural online newsletter issue.

As academic programs expand and the information explosion has completely cluttered the universe of reading materials, Winthrop relies on scholarly published resources now more than ever to produce discerning graduates with the knowledge to lead future generations. Thanks to your ongoing support since the Friends' 1996 beginnings, the Friends of Dacus Library have **given almost a thousand books** covering the entire range of Winthrop's academic programs.

Many exciting developments have come to the Friends, both in the areas of technology and recent and upcoming programs. The **board members have been hard at work this year**. We are now on **Twitter** and joining Twitter has networked us with many of today's Winthrop students, alumni, and some faculty members. **Friends memberships can now be**

renewed online. Our fall 2008 antique book appraisal with silent auction and book sale was a success, and our April 2009 program on **the Art of the Book** marked our first annual program during Come-See-Me. October 27, 2009, the board members held a **reception in the library to welcome Winthrop's new faculty**, and our 2010 program will be a **Literary Festival with Judith Barban and Charlie Burnette on Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 4 p.m.**

Our 15-year anniversary will be in 2011. Few academic libraries' Friends groups last even ten years. We have many reasons to be proud of our Friends group and longevity. More details will take shape over the next year. If you have suggestions or would like to help plan our big celebration, please let me or any of our board members know.

Your board looks forward to seeing you in the coming year.

Best regards,

Antje Mays

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Bill Daniel
Betty Lou Land
Antje Mays (Chair)
Dot Medlin
Genie Poag
Gay Randolph
Betty Robinson
Sandra White

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